Defrauding of SBI by a Peon

220. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a peon of the State Bank of India, Lucknow has been arrested for defrauding the Bank of Rs. 32 lakhs;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any other employees of the said Bank has also been arrested; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) State Bank of India has reported that a fraud involving Rs. 31.43 lakhs has been committed in their Clearing House Operations at Lucknow. An F.I.R. was lodged by SBI with the Central Bureau of Investigation and CBI has arrested the Messenger working at the transport Nagar (Lucknow) Branch of SBI. The bank has placed the Messengar under suspension.

(c) and (d) The bank has reported that no other employee of the bank had been arrested since the CBI's investigations have not revealed involvment of other employees so far.

Seizure of Heroin in Ganganagar District

2241. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the daily newspaper 'Jansatta' Thursday, the 6th February, 1986 with regard to the recovery of heroin worth Rs. 16 crores and 80 lakhs by the Birder Security Force in Anupgarh area of Ganga Nagar district adjacent to the Pak-border;

(b) what is the quantity of such contraband goods seized while being smuggled into the country during the last one year; and

(c) what measures are being taken to have an effective check on such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item referred to in the question which appeared in the daily "Jansatta" dated 5th February, 1986 and not 6th February, 1986. The details relating to the seizure are as follows:—

On 2nd February 86, the Border Security Force, after an armed encounter with smugglers in Anupgarh, District Sriganganagar, Rajasthan, recovered 309.450 kgs. of heroin packed in 14 bags. Drugs seized are not accounted in terms of value as it varies widely due to various factors.

(b) The details of the drugs seized while being smuggled into India during the year 1985 are given below:

Drug seized	Quantity in Kgs.
Opium	882
Ganja	45071
Charas	390
Herion	556

(Figures are provisional)

(c) The anti-smuggling drive in the region has been intensified. The trends in smuggling and seizures made are kept under constant review for taking appropriate measures in close coordination with concerned Central and State Government agencies in new Act, namely, " Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985" has been brought into force with